

# The Observer

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## Homecoming: Join in the fun

by Julia Garcia

Saint Joseph's College will celebrate Homecoming in a different way this year-with parents. The decision to combine the Homecoming festivities with Parent's Weekend was due, in part, to the fact that the football team has only three home games. Of course, one game would have to be dedicated to Homecoming, leaving Parent's Weekend shoved back in the semester, possibly into colder weather.

"In the past, the Beer and Brat Tent, a major fund raiser, has lost money, which many feel is due to the cold weather," stated Maureen Egan, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. In addition, having Parent's Weekend earlier in the semester not only allows parents to see the campus before colder weather

hits, but it also gives parents and alumni a chance to meet. In addition, combining the two weekends also eases scheduling, minimizes cost, and allows parents a chance to attend many more sporting events.

The department of Alumni and Parent Relations, Student Union Board (SUB), Student Association, the Alumni Association Board of Director, and volunteers have been busy preparing for the weekend. Several of the events include the Alumni/Family 2-mile Fun Run & Walk, Alpha Lambda Delta Induction, and the Alumni/Family Dance which is open to students as well (casual dress).

In an attempt to minimize costs for families, for-

mal dinners will be replaced by theme dinners held in the cafeteria. The Legacy Photo, scheduled for Saturday, is a special photo opportunity for SJC alumni who have sent sons/daughters/relatives to SJC.

The weekend also includes the campus parade, starting at 8:00pm on Friday, followed by the bonfire/pep rally at Lake Banet. "There is no need for expensive props to participate," state Egan.

SUB will sponsor three artists that will walk around in the crowd during the game. One will be making balloon animals, while walking on stilts, and the other two are caricature artists.

### Homecoming Schedule of Events

#### Friday, September 12

3:00PM	Women's Tennis vs Bellarmine (Conf.)
4:45PM	Theme Dinner- Halleck Center Cafeteria
6:00PM	Early Arrival Reception- Core XI
7:45PM	"Hallway of Champions" Dedication Ceremony
8:00PM	Homecoming Parade (Starts at Rec Center)
8:30PM	Bonfire/Pep Rally at Lake Banet
9:00PM	Core XI Opens

#### Saturday, September 20

9:00AM	Alumni/Family 2-Mile Fun Run & Walk
9:00AM	Alumni Baseball Reunion & Game
10:00AM	Alpha Lambda Delta Honorary Induction
10:00AM	Women's Tennis vs. Northern Kentucky Univ.
11:00AM	Beer & Brat Tent Opens- NW side of Rec Center
Noon	Football vs. West Liberty State Hilltoppers
Halftime	SJC Marching Band/Crowning of the Court
1:00PM	Men's Soccer vs. SIU-E (Conference)
3:00PM	Women's Soccer vs. SIU-E (Conference)
6:00PM	Mass in remembrance of deceased - Chapel
9:00PM	Alumni/Family Dance- Halleck Center Ballroom
9:00PM	Core XI Opens

#### Sunday, September 21

10:30AM	Glee Club and Chorus Reunion Concert- chapel
11:00AM	Mass- Chapel
11:00AM-1:00PM	Brunch- Halleck Center Cafeteria
1:00PM	Women's Tennis vs. Univ. of Indianapolis (Conf.)
1:00PM	Men's Soccer vs. USI (Conference)
3:00PM	Women's Soccer vs. USI (Conference)

### NEWS BRIEFS

SUB has designed a Puma Pride Card that is designed to be marked each time a student attends a SUB sponsored event. A prize will be given with ten marks.

MSU is sponsoring a Talent Show open to all. The Talent Show will be held on October 1st in the ballroom.

The Day Student Lounge will open in Halleck 103. An openhouse will be held on September 18.

Core XI has undergone some renovations and purchased new equipment for its opening coming soon!

### New Cable System Installed

by Ashley Pierce

Over the summer, the college underwent major changes in updating its cable system.

Saint Joseph's now has its own satellite receivers, which provide a wider variety of stations. The new system now provides SJC with three of its own stations: channel three, which will be used for the bulletin board; channel six, which will feature WPUM programs; and channel 13, which will run movies sponsored by SUB. Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Manis commented that the new system has "an emphasis on educational stations."

With the addition of three of Saint Joseph's own channels, Manis hopes that more students will become involved with WPUM. "I hope that all students will use channel six for programs. I am hoping it will become an educational tool on campus," he stated.

There have been several problems with the installation process, which are being corrected. The system was supposed to be installed by August 15. Problems with parts being delivered and also problems

with the wiring in Justin are being corrected. The system was expected to be fully functioning by Friday, September 12. The cable system will then have to be adjusted dorm by dorm. Manis commented that students should not feel shy about calling or e-mailing him regarding the cable system. "I want to know about the quality of the system," he stated.

In addition to more cable

stations, the system will also allow Saint Joseph's College to receive more FM radio stations. FM stations will be picked up through the satellite and distributed through the system wiring. However, in order to receive the FM radio stations, students must purchase a splitter, and a ten foot extension cable. Both the splitter and cable can be purchased at the campus bookstore for \$4.99 each.



## Does Anyone Know Mother Theresa Died?

by Peggy McLeish

I heard the news by word of mouth in the late afternoon of Friday, September 5 Mother Theresa had died. I honestly dismissed this as an ugly and unfortunate rumor. After all, I had just been watching my afternoon dose of CNN, now that we have four CNN channels on our cable system. All they had to talk about was Princess Diana's funeral that would be held the following day.

I decided to watch the evening news out of Chicago. The main story was preparations for Princess Diana's funeral. Then, in a brief clip, her death was mentioned. Mother Theresa really HAD died. I was shocked. Not only was I shocked that she had died after so many struggles, but that it only made a brief split second mention on the news!

It has always been obvious

to me that the media can shape the way we look at happenings in the world. To consider the death of Mother Theresa simply a filler for the evening news is an outrage that I cannot believe would happen. Mother Theresa's death was also obviously looked over by Time Magazine, which has now run two consecutive issues with Princess Diana on the cover. I completely understand the international importance of Diana's death, but could Mother Theresa at least get a mention here?

You would think that the death of someone considered the "Saint of the Gutters" and who was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 would make an impact on the world despite the pending funeral of a member of British Royalty. According to the media, though, she just wouldn't bring in the dollars.

## You Don't Have to Be Here...

by William Shannon

Ask many Saint Joseph's College students to describe the sound of the heating/cooling system in the Core Building, and chances are that a vivid description will follow. When asked about the design of the ceiling tiles in the Shen Auditorium, detailed pictures often come forth. Inquiries about the materials being presented and the issues being raised in these places, however, are often met with blank stares and shrugging shoulders.

The general academic malaise that seems to permeate the atmosphere here is quite disturbing. Lack of voluntary

participation in discussion, lagging attendance at lectures and an "aww-do-we-have-to" attitude towards study seem to more and more be the business of the day. Professors are skillfully and deftly putting out the bait of knowledge, understanding and academic inquiry, but no-one seems to be biting.

Don't like going to lectures, taking notes, spending time in the library and discussing in class? Dread getting up in the morning and going to class, often opting to roll over and go back to sleep? Well, if these questions are answered in the affirmative, there is one simple statement that needs to be made.

## On a Power Trip?

by DeAnn Hazzard

The lines have been drawn and crossed. It's no longer a matter of protection; it's a division of respect. It's about the claustrophobic feeling of being policed and the shaky reality of our lack of privacy. It's about flashlights being flashed into windows, and security officers walking into a room without knocking and with no reason. It's about feeling as if I am going to be fingerprinted, booked, and written-up if I breathe wrong.

Think I'm exaggerating? Think I'm wrong? Think I'm crazy? That's fine, but unfortunately I'm not. I do not like the fact that security can search people's rooms or enter without any adherence to policy such as knocking first followed by identifying themselves. I do not like the fact that my privacy is practically non-existent nor do I like feeling as if they (security—who are supposed to be on our side) are waiting in the bushes, ready to pounce, ready to exercise their authority, reminding us our freedom only extends as far as their walkie talky (which I know I can find at Wal-Mart).

However, I understand it's their job, and I don't have to be at Saint Joe if I don't want to. No one is forcing me to be here. Fine, whatever. I understand that it's a matter of enforcing laws and distributing just punishments. That is reasonable, but those punishments should be a result of when rules are actually broken! Watching us like hawks, scavenging for anything that remotely resembles something wrong is not ensuring our protection. It's reducing our trust and especially our respect for security. Entering without knocking, whizzing by on bicycles... Don't we deserve respect, too? Don't we have the right to feel protected and not policed? I mean, all in all, aren't we on the same side? Protection is one thing; invasion of privacy and this control attitude being channeled through this campus is another.

You don't have to be here.

That's right. As adults, college students have a right to choose their own destiny, and therefore their own lifestyle. If the "college thing" does not appeal to you, please leave. There will be no hard feelings on either side, and you can get on with whatever it is that you are going to do for the rest of your life.

In fact, those people who DO care about what goes on here would much rather be surrounded by their own kind. The community will function better and work more steadfastly towards the goal of a perfect community of scholars, and the un-

interested former student can pursue their own ends.

Want to stay here and flourish? Put down the (remote control, beer bottle, video game controller) pick up your books and read. Go to lectures and hear other people's opinions on the subject. This will make you appreciate what you read and hear more and make you a "bigger and better" person all around.

Get active in class, get involved in your studies, or get excited about academics or get the next bus out of town. There are a lot cheaper places to stare at the ceiling and listen to the heater. You will be doing us and yourself a great favor.

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## CHEERS & JEERS

\*Cheers to Homecoming

\*Cheers to the new furniture in the Core Building

\*Cheers to the new Counseling Staff

\*Cheers to the Pizzas in the Cafeteria

\*Cheers to the high enrollment of the Freshman Class

\*Cheers to the soft serve machine in the Cafeteria

\*Jeers to untimely confusion; every clock on campus states a different time

\*Jeers to Core XI not being open sooner

\*Jeers to the cafeteria tables that are too close together

\*Jeers to no Puma Guide

\*Jeers to the limited hours of the switchboard



## New Emergency Number in Operation

by Natalie Berenda

Change is bound to take place with the start of every new school year. One of the biggest changes this year is the fact that there is no longer a nighttime switchboard operator. Last year the switchboard ran 24 hours a day. New hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This change was the result of the college's ability to directly link an emergency telephone call to the security officer on duty. This procedure requires the person making the call to simply dial the number one. Because of this system, night time operators are no longer necessary.

Students may have complaints or concerns as they try to find a fellow student's extension number after hours. However, directories will be issued soon. "With change there will always be complaints. It is just a matter of getting used to that change," Director of Security Ernest Watson stated. Security officer Mike Aubuchon agreed,

"It is going to take some time for students to get used to; just like last year it took some time for students to get used to the lock down system."

So far, the system has worked fairly smoothly although there are some regrets. Watson explained that one thing that he liked about the switchboard was that it offered students jobs. "That bothers me more than anything, taking the jobs from the switchboard," Watson said.

There is a possibility that switchboard hours may be extended from 5:00 p.m. through 11:00 p.m. "Hopefully, in the future part time hours will be available for students. This will not only help the operators but the students as well," Watson noted.

## New professors join faculty of Saint Joseph's College

by Becky Johnson

In the field of academia here at Saint Joseph's, changes have been made to the faculty. Three new professors have joined the teaching forces. Isobel Lobo, Mark Seely, and Piper Hodson all have opened their offices and have begun the first semester at their new jobs.

Professor Isobel Lobo decided to come to Saint Joseph's College to further emphasize her primary interest, teaching. After being asked about the impact of SJC as a whole, Lobo replied, "SJC is a caring, concerned environment." Lobo's alma maters include a different St. Joseph's College and the University of Notre Dame, where she studied the fields of Economics and English. Lobo's future project is writing a book.

Lobo's favorite pastimes are reading such authors as C. S. Lewis, Tolkien, Charles Dickens and Agatha Christie; collecting stamps; growing geraniums and herbs; and watching football and basketball games. Her favorite teams are the Fighting Irish, the Chicago Bulls and the recently the PUMAS.

Professor Mark Seely, the new professor in Psychology, was attracted to Saint Joseph's because of smaller class size. "I had previously been teaching in California, at the University of California, Davis and at California State University, Sacramento. Some of my classes had over 250 stu-

dents. There are limits to what you can do with a class that large. I wanted to have more meaningful contact with the students", stated Seely.

Seely has quite a resume of alma maters. He received his Bachelor of Science in Developmental Psychology from Eastern Washington University in 1991. He then earned a Ph.D. from The University of California, Davis in 1996 in his area of specialization, Cognitive Psychology. Seely began his teaching career in 1994.

Seely is currently teaching general psychology, cognitive psychology and statistics this semester. He added that he is also "working on a study which examines the relationship between memory and aesthetic appreciation." Other recent projects include fixing-up the psychology lab in the Chapel basement. Seely commented that he would like the lab "to turn into a functional space for psychology students to use for their own research projects." When he is not actively occupied on campus, Seely enjoys hobbies such as reading philosophy and playing the mandolin.

Seely stated, "My impression of Saint Joseph's as a whole is FRIENDLINESS! The students and staff here are some of the friendliest people I have ever met. But, then, I have been living in California for the past six

years. The professors here honestly care about the students as well."

Professor Piper Hodson, the new addition to the Political Science and History Department, said that she "was interested in coming to Saint Joe because of the fact that it is a small liberal arts college." She considers herself not only interested in teaching students, but also in "making contact and being positive"

Hodson grew up in Southwest Missouri and attended Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. There she received her Bachelor of Arts in International studies. She has also received her Masters Degree, and is now working on a Ph. D. at the University of Illinois.

Concerning her current projects she commented, "I am working on being the advisor for the Model UN. Also, I am working on my dissertation on Nuclear Decision in India and Pakistan." In regards to free time, she enjoys hobbies such as reading novels and walking. Hodson also enjoys a sampling of classical, jazz, and folk music, and she especially appreciates works by Andrew Lloyd Webber. "I also take great pride in being a long distance aunt for my younger brother and younger sister," noted Hodson.



### WPUM FACULTY FINE ARTS RADIO PROGRAM

Jazz / Classical / Experimental



Sundays 3-6 pm  
Hosted by Chris Herrell



## Two new directors for Campus Life begin school year with optimism and many positive ideas

by Natalie Berenda

Many students have probably already had a chance to meet with the two new directors of Campus Life. These individuals are Andrea Reusser and Marcus Jackson.

Reusser is originally from Marion, Ohio. She received her Masters degree in student affairs and student personnel in higher education from Kent State last May. Previous to her work at Saint Joseph's, she has worked at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. She now resides

in Justin Hall.

Reusser explained that the people and students at Saint Joseph's College have been good to work with. "There are a lot of opportunities here to try new things and have some fun," Reusser stated.

Marcus Jackson is from South Bend, Indiana. He is a 1997 graduate of Saint Joseph's College. He has a Bachelors degree in human services. He spends some of his spare time coaching the middle school football team. He is currently living in Gallagher Hall.

Both of the new Directors are generating new

ideas and goals. "Campus Life is working with Student Affairs on plans for a new apartment complex. That is something I will be looking forward to," Jackson stated.

Reusser said that she would like to see new furniture in residence halls in a couple of years. She would also like to have peep holes installed in the doors at the women residence halls as a safety precaution. These are just some of the ideas that the new directors have begun to discuss.

Reusser and Jackson seem to be excited about working with the students here. They both like to see an active open and involved student body.



# A Cultural Awakening: A Student's Memories of a Summer in Africa

by D Adams

Last semester I spent most of my time in the clouds, daydreaming about the day that would finally bring the beautiful month of May. School would be out and I would set off to Africa, a place that I only had read about in National Geographic and watched documentaries about on PBS.

Professor Chattin, myself and four other students spent months preparing for the trip. We had shots for diseases I never even knew existed. The day after graduation, after a crazy week of finals and moving out of the dorm, we all met at the Chicago airport. With our full backpacks, and butterflies in our stomachs, we had no idea what the month ahead of us held.

The first step off the plane in Tanzania I felt as if someone had dumped a bucket of water on me. This humidity was nothing like I had ever experienced. The amazing thing was that the month of May was one of Tanzania's winter months and the heat was still unreal.

Our journey in this country that felt so far from home and that was full of new experiences had finally begun. There are so many experiences that I could share with you, so many stories that

will always be with me. It's hard to pick out just one that might help you understand how life-changing this cultural experience was.

There is a small orphanage for children whose parents have died from AIDS in a town called Dodoma. Every day for two weeks, Jennifer Palecek, Nicole Yerkes, and myself would take the shortcut through the seminary, walking along the dusty path through the banana trees, past the chicken coop and the cows to go play with the children.

There were nine children in all and by the end of the two weeks I can say that I loved them all. They spoke Swahili and we soon learned that the language barrier was not a problem. We learned that a smile and enthusiasm was all that we needed to communicate.

The children were full of life and everything excited them. They loved the attention that we could give them and were interested in everything that we taught them. We would teach them childhood games in the courtyard like Ring around the Rosie and London Bridge and their favorite, Duck, Duck, Goose.

They were intrigued by our long soft hair, amazed with our blue veins in our arms and were constantly

asking us to "Open, Open!" the part in our hairlines. Some days we would sing and teach them English, other days we would romp around in the fields that surrounded the orphanage, collecting wild flowers to put in old canning jars for the dinner table.

We played with musical instruments made out of old cigar boxes and chased a cow around the courtyard. We had fun learning from each other and dreaded the time when we would have to leave.

Now that I am back at Saint Joe's, I still sit and daydream about Africa. I think of the beautiful night sky and all of the wonderful people that I met. I miss the children's smiles and my Swahili lessons. It was a trip that made my summer and changed my life.

I learned so many things this summer and more than anything I wish that everyone had the opportunity to go out in the world and experience another culture. My advice to you today is to go out and learn.

Go immerse yourself into another culture and learn more than you can ever imagine and then come back and share your experiences. Remember the wise words of Mark Twain, "Never let school interfere with your education."



D Adams, Jen Palecek, and Nicole Yerkes worked with orphaned children in Dodoma.

## Outta Site

by Heidi Jugovic

Recommended site:

The Treehouse  
<http://treehouse.simplenet.com/Index.htm>

Let's face it, Pumas. More often than not, the World Wide Web is more like the World Wide Wait. Saint Joseph's College has great internet access available to all it's students, but surfing the internet involves wading through piles of garbage. Quality control on the Web is non-existent, and for non-computer gurus like myself, finding the good stuff is a long, long search.

So here's a pointer in the right direction for the technically average. This issue's recommended internet site is The Treehouse. This site was created by Pamela Smith, a talented high school senior who has already been working for computer companies for years. This site has won 16 awards, and in my opinion it deserves every single

one of them.

This site's primary strength is it's gorgeous user-friendly design. Hover your mouse pointer over the leaf icons at the bottom of the screen or the colored branches of the tree and watch the titles of various pages pop up. Click on "A Little Traveling Music Please" and listen to your choice of music while you browse through The Treehouse.

Browsing is what it's about at The Treehouse. Afraid nothing there will interest you? Check out this list of topics: Desktop Themes, "The English Patient," "The X-files," "Lawrence of Arabia," "Due South," Bill Bixby, My Own Works (a collection of Pamela's writing), About the Author, "Schindler's List," and E-mail Me access. Each topic page gives you easy access to sound clips, images, film clips, reviews, screen savers, icons, and the obligatory links. You have to see this site to believe it.

## CYBERCAFE OPENS IN MONON

by Bob Dusek

In July of this past summer, computer science professor Brian Capouch opened the first cybercafe in Northwest Indiana and named it Palaver.

Why Palaver? "Being an avid reader, I often encounter words that I've never heard before," explains Capouch. "Sometimes, it isn't convenient for me to look the word up, so I have to just wing it, figuring out its meaning by context. 'Palaver' was just such a word." The word actually means a conference, discussion, or idle talk.

Never having heard the word used in conversation, Capouch did not know the correct pronunciation. "I thought that it would have had

the accent on the first syllable, and that's how I pronounced it (or mispronounced it)."

It wasn't until 1975 that Capouch was corrected by one of his friends. "I told her, 'Well, someday I'm going to have that restaurant of my dreams, and I'll name it 'Palaver,' but I'll pronounce it just like I have been for years."

Capouch had been thinking, "It's now or never" when he stumbled upon a deal he couldn't pass up for a building three miles from his home in Monon. "It wasn't really time for me to be doing this, but I didn't think I'd ever again have this sort of an opportunity."

The cybercafe was the logical result of Capouch's computer-oriented mind and his

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Photo by Cindy Stanko

Joyce always had a smile, and sometimes a whistle, for students in the cafe. Her eagle eyes and good-humored joking will be missed.

## The End of an Era

by Randy Wagers

When you go to the cafe for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, do you ever stop and chat with the person behind the register? I had a chance to chat with one of SJC's most dedicated cafeteria workers for the past 14 years, Joyce Oliver. Joyce retired on Friday, September 5, and I was able to ask her a few questions before she left.

*Joyce, what will you miss the most about your job?*

The thing I'll miss most about my job is not being there when the kids come in and need something. I always try to have the answer to their problems. I like for things to be as hassle free for them as possible. I'll miss my co-workers and the kids. But I'll also miss the campus grounds. I think SJC is beautiful to look at.

*What are some of your fondest memories at SJC?*

There are so many fond memories, there's not enough paper to write them all. The unexpected smile, the twinkle in the eye just as an ornery remark is being made. The act of kindness one older student shows to a younger, the students who just want to check the scores in the paper but don't want to buy it, someone yelling "Hey Joyce. So and so is throwing food!" The time James Holt and Destin Haas dressed up like

Marylin and I to be barmaids in Core 11.

*How long have you worked for SJC?*

Since January 10, 1983.

*In what ways do you believe the cafeteria services have improved since you've been here?*

There's much nicer equipment. We now have a wide variety of everything! We have expanded hours, and we are now more sensitive to the students' needs. But no matter what we do, we'll never be able to please everyone.

*Is there anything you want to say to the students before you leave?*

I'd like to say "thank you." Most of you know of my Christian convictions and you have always showed me (and my whistle) respect. You cheered me up when I was having a bad day. When things didn't always go right at the door--perhaps the computer was down or the electricity was off or I couldn't let you in on time--you showed me nothing but patience and a little teasing, but you were always kind. I want you to know that did not go unnoticed.

I appreciate and love you all very much. My hope is that you all would continue to treat others the way you would like to be treated.

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love for cooking, and it fit just fine in the opportunity-of-a-lifetime buliding.

A cybercafe can be loosely defined as a place where one can visit and "rent" some time on a computer while simultaneously sipping on some coffee, cappuccino, or a latte or even snacking on a croissant.

However, the co-operators of Palaver, Capouch and Saint Joe Alum Eric McKeown, understand their role in the community to be more serious than the role of the average "loosely-defined" cybercafe. They also operate a complete "old-fashioned" soda fountain and are in the business of selling (and allowing customers to read) used books.

"I can see that we are providing a service to the community here, and I take that role seriously," McKeown said. "We provide soda fountain products and a place to hang out for kids, a quiet place to have coffee and chat for senior citizens, books for those who don't have easy access to a bookstore, and an education in Internet literacy for those who may be intrigued."

Capouch sees the business as two separate entities: "a techincal center, and a source of quality food products." He said, "I think that by providing the services that we provide, we will enable the people of White County to exist on a certain parity with people who live in much larger communities in terms of access to computer resources."

Capouch also adds, "The Internet is the great social leveller: it doesn't matter how old you are, what you look like, where you're located, or how much money you have. I regularly access resources on the opposite side of the world. I communicate with people I haven't ever physically seen, even though I now correctly describe them as "friends."

When asked why he chose Monon as the location for his cybercafe, Capouch replied,

"I have always said that if people abandon the centers of our small towns and cities, we thereby doom them."

As it turns out, opening Palaver has reaped benefits for both Capouch and McKeown. "I have met many interesting people in the course of our 2-1/2 months in business, and have learned much about Monon, White County, and humanity in general from my experiences at the store," Capouch stated.

McKeown adds, "It's been much more demanding than I ever could have imagined, and it has probably also been more rewarding in many ways that I could not have imagined before starting."

One new challenge that these entrepreneurs face is that

with the turn of the seasons, the soda fountain business fluctuates. Right now, the seasons are turning toward the COLD end of the thermometer, and that has a bad effect on the soda fountain business.

"As far as our current direction, due to the end of summer, we will have to move in the direction of offering more food products," says McKeown.

"We also hope to expand our Internet services to the community by offering Internet literacy courses and putting up more web sites for local businesses. Eventually, we hope to be the premier commercial 'web site' (Internet site) design/hosting operation for this region."

## Ask Arnie

*To whom it may concern,*

*I feel like I have a desperate problem! I am a freshman and feel totally alone and isolated. I don't enjoy drinking, and I don't smoke. What is there to do on this campus and are there more people like me out there?*

*Sincerely,*

*A troubled frosh.*

Dear Troubled Frosh,

Don't worry; just because you don't drink or smoke doesn't mean you can't have a good time on campus. You would be surprised how many other people on campus feel the same way that you do.

One of the best ways to meet people and have a good time is by getting involved in campus clubs and activities. There is a wide variety a clubs at Saint Joe's. You can talk to one of your professors to find out more about clubs related to your major.

Campus ministry is also a good resource for you. This organization sponsors a number of volunteer/service clubs. Aces is a nonalcoholic club that you may be interested in. They sponsor many events throughout the year. *The Observer* is always looking for new reporters.

SUB (Student Union Board) is a club that is always putting on activities. They sponsor bands and comedians throughout the year. They are also in charge of the lip synch show and many activities during homecoming weekend. Just make sure to get involved and you will have fun.

-Arnie

Send letters to Ask Arnie at Post Office Box 2225 or put them in Dr. Kerlin's box in the Core building.



## Men's and Women's Golf Teams Swing into Action: Individual and Team Improvement on the Rise

by Kevin Collins

The 1997-98 school year is upon us. In addition to classes, some of us choose to take on an added responsibility and devote a good deal of their time to being athletes. Two groups who are literally getting into the swing of things, are the men's and women's golf teams.

Coached by second year head coach Rick Mangus, the roster for the men's team includes George Flick, Brett Gastineau, Dan Hushek, Kevin Knaust, Eric Nisbeth, Jason Rozanski, Clay Scagnoli, James Sedam, and Matt Williamson.

The Women's roster includes Kristine Flick, Marsha

Janjecic, Amanda McKirgan, Jill Morgan, Jill Peterson, Lindsay Servin-Baltz, Erin Stachnik, Chistine Saffan, and Kathryn Tiedeman.

The Pumas are off to a good start as they hit the fairways and greens.

Coach Mangus said "I have seen a lot of improvement in both the men and the women this year. They have cut almost ten strokes per person off their scores from last year."

In two outings this season the men have finished very near the top of the leader board. In the Second Annual Puma Invitational on September 5th, the men finished second out of eleven teams.

They also posted a school record low score of 289, just two strokes off the winning score. Jason Rozanski led the Pumas with a score of 72 and George Flick was close behind with a 73.

At the University of Indianapolis Men's Golf Invitational the Pumas finished fourth with a score of 309. George Flick's one under par score of 71 led the Pumas.

The Puma women have been playing very respectfully as well. In two outings this season, the women have finished in third and fifth.

At the Grand Valley State University Lady Lakers Invitational on August 31st & September 1st, the Pumas fin-

ished fifth out of seven teams with a team score of 749 (374-375). Leading the Pumas in scoring were Amanda McKirgan's 185 (94-91) and Jill Peterson's 186 (96-90).

On September 8th the Lady Pumas (354) participated in the Southern Indiana Golf Invitational and finished in third place behind Indianapolis (339) and Southern Indiana (349). Kristi Flick took charge for the Pumas this time with an individual score of 84.

Both men's and women's teams are showing they can compete in the conference and as individuals, they are showing they can score better than ever.

## On Track...

by Jamie Riberto

The cross-country team began their season at Southern Indiana on Saturday, September 6th. Both the women and the men's team came in fourth place. The course was the toughest the team will run on this year and, and they have to return Saturday September 27th.

This past weekend the men and women competed at the Taylor Invitational. Both teams placed ninth overall. Top finishers for the women's squad included Sara DePew in ninth place, Gina Medellin in twenty-third place, and Damon Dexter in thirty-fourth place for the men.

The team's goal for this season is to do well at conference and to get out of regionals in order to go to nationals. Both the men and women have been working hard.

Senior Mark Wallace stated "the team has been practicing really hard these past few weeks, and if we can stay focused during the workouts and the meets, we can have a really good season."

The team has added six talented freshmen to this year's roster. The six freshmen have all done extremely well and have helped to add to the team's depth.

Junior captain Duane Marks believes the team's success is rooted in synchronization.

"If we all can get healthy at the same time, we have a good chance of surprising some really good teams," he commented. "We're all working really hard this season."

The team's next meet is Saturday September 27 at the University of Southern Indiana. The team will be up against some competitive division one schools, as well as some in their conference.

## Volleyball Team defeats Huntington: The Season is off to an Exciting Start

by Jill Masters

On September 10 at the Richard F. Sharpe Fieldhouse, Saint Joseph's Lady Puma volleyball team took on the Huntington Forresters in the home opener. The Pumas were led by Kari Puzauskas' 9 digs along with sophomore transfer Mindi Replin's 8 kills.

The Pumas made a statement by beating the Forresters 15-6 in the first game. Replin's contribution of 4 blocks and Sarah "Hammer" Taylor's 2 spikes showed the Forresters that they were going to have to fight.

"I knew what I had to do when I was up on the front line," Replin said. "I told myself that no matter what, I needed to do what I do best and that is to be a threat to the other team," she added.

In the second game, St. Joseph's shut down Hunting-



Going up for a spike, the Lady Pumas used their skill to defeat Huntington.

photo by Nicole Yerkes

ton again. The Pumas pounced the Forresters with great agility and technique in a team effort. The end result was a 15-3 game.

"I was happy with the way we played the first two games," Coach Furnish said.

The Forresters tried to make a comeback in the third game. They gave the Pumas their first loss of the evening in a 3-15 struggle.

"I told the girls that there was nothing that could change it and that we just needed to play as a team," Furnish said.

However, it was too late for the Forresters. The Pumas rallied around each other to pull out the victory.

Taylor lived up to her nickname and hammered down the last point to give the Lady Puma volleyball team a 16-14 win in the home opener.

The match gave the Pumas a 5-2 record going into their next home game against Kentucky on September 12 in the Richard F. Sharpe Fieldhouse.

"We are definitely off to a better start this year as opposed to past years," Furnish said. "I expect to double our wins this year to 15 or 16 and I also see us going to the conference tournament."



## Puma Football Working Toward a Promising Season

by Erin Breetzke and Denis Gack

With an extraordinary season last year (9-2), the Saint Joseph's College football team has a lot to live up to this season, but everyone sees things coming together.

Opening the season with a tough 26-13 loss at Indianapolis, the team then came back last week to thrash West Virginia Tech 52-0.

Junior defensive tackle Ryan Gandurski believes that game was what team playing is all about.

"As a whole team we did a good job. There was a good show of offense as well as defense," he explained. "Any time you get a shut-out, that's a bonus. That's what happens when you play as a team," he added.

Even with the loss of



photo by Jen Palecek

Perfecting their technique, the football team is working toward another successful season.

many key players, the success of that game put the Pumas in a positive mindset.

"I feel like everybody is working harder than last year," Freshman defensive end Virjal Johnson commented.

"We lost a lot of senior starters and senior leadership this season," Gandurski ex-

plained. "We have very good players and everyone is stepping up to find their place," he added.

Scoring 65 points on their first two games, the offense has quite a bit of scoring potential this year.

"We only lost three starters, so the experience helps us out a lot," Senior offensive

lineman JB Lind stated.

In those same two games the defense allowed only the 26 points to be gained by the opponent.

"The overall defensive team goal is to win of course, but we also want to hold the team to 14 points or less and minimize rushing and passing yardage," Gandurski stated.

"We try to set it up for the offense."

With only three home games in this season, the men believe each one is special. And with homecoming being the first home game, there is an extra need to be prepared.

"We're taking it very seriously," Gandurski explained. "As the home opener, there is an automatic boost to step it up," he added.

Lind also feels another homecoming victory is in the forefront.

"We feel real good and we want to keep rolling and get another victory," he explained.

Last Saturday at Eastern Illinois, the Pumas suffered another loss, to make their record, 1-2. Even through this, they are working even harder.

"We just need to keep up the practice," Lind stated.

## Lady Puma's Tennis Team has Conference in their Sights

by Jamie Riberto

The women's tennis team was one of the many fall sport teams that showed up early on campus to condition and practice. Winning the first two matches of the year, their hard work has paid off.

The team played and beat both Kentucky Wesleyan and (7-2) and the University of Southern Indiana (8-1).

Three new freshmen have added to the team's success. These include Christine Gee from Amarillo, Texas, Kimberly Riccardo from Lyons, Illinois and Sophomore redshirt Katie Flanigan from Michigan City, Indiana. Thus far most of the women on the team are undefeated.

The team's goal this season is to win conference. Having lost by two in the finals last year, this year is going to be a fight once again with the University of India-

napolis having even a stronger team.

Coach Barrientos stated "the team wants to be competitive and they want to go into the matches and know that they have a chance to win. If the team prepares right and they keep up their desire and intensity, we should be very good."

Junior captain Jill Orzechoskie agreed with Coach Barrientos on the team's great chance to win conference.

"The main goal of our team for this season is winning the conference championship. We came in second last year and are even more determined to win it this season," she commented. "We have a lot of talent and I have great confidence in my teammates. We have been working hard and I think it will pay off," she added.

## Women's Soccer Team is up to any Challenge

by James Sedam

The women's soccer team is coming off an outstanding year which led them all the way to the National Division II Finals. So far, it seems that they could be on the same path to success. The women have already tallied five victories and only two losses in the 1997 season.

The women have claimed bragging rights after beating teams such as Purdue University, Truman, Grand Val-

ley, Quincy, and North Dakota.

With the loss of nine players from last year's squad, a number of freshmen have stepped up and risen to the challenge of playing for Coach Mike Minelli.

Sophomore Nicole Kappler said, "the freshmen are doing an exceptional job at adapting to our style of play." She goes on to say, "with the talent that we have on our team this year, everyone of our goals can be reached if we

keep working."

Some of the goals Kappler is referring to are to win the Great Lakes Valley Conference, to make the National Finals again, and to play as a unified team.

Even though injuries have plagued the team in the beginning of the season, the Pumas are looking good.

In short, the women's soccer team is ready to rise to any battle, whether it's practice, a conference game, or the National Championship.

## Men's Soccer Team is Looking Strong

by James Sedam

The men's soccer team is off to an outstanding start for their 1997 campaign. The men have already posted a 2-1 record in regular season play, as well as winning an exhibition game.

With the loss of five starting seniors from last year's squad, no one really knew what to expect for this year's

season.

Senior Tom Williams said, "we have a lot of the team unity and confidence that we lacked in past years. Everyone is working well together and our overall fitness is far better than in the past."

After posting victories over Purdue Calumet and Aquinas College in the regular season and an exhibition

victory over Ball State, the team is looking really strong.

A few of the many goals for the team this year are to not only win 13 games or more but also to make it to the Great Lakes Valley Conference semi-finals.

Homecoming weekend the team hosts SIU-Edwardsville and University of Southern Indiana.



## Small Town Sophistication

by Charles Martin

Located at the corner of 4th and Market Street in Monon, The Palaver Cyber-Cafe is a traditional soda fountain with a modern cafe. Numerous used books are also found, ranging from leisure and hobbies to general fiction. The atmosphere is very laid back, and the pace is leisurely. You never feel rushed when you are there. You can browse the books while sipping on a cup of your favorite coffee, or surf the Web on one of the computer terminals.

The soda fountain uses only natural ingredients, and all malts, shakes and desserts

are hand made. That special touch makes it one of a kind. Some of the interesting ice cream desserts include the signature "Alligator Pear Shake," (which contains neither alligators nor pears) to Moorish Sherbet, which consists of pineapple, strawberries, and crushed ice. I must admit, the Moorish Sherbet was very tasty, and the prices are reasonable.

Upon entering the cafe, I was immediately greeted as if I were a regular customer. Professor Capouch and I immediately began talking, and

we got to know each other outside of the classroom. That was one of the best things about the cafe. You can come in and relax, and talk to a college professor like he was a good friend. Being a freshman, I didn't know too many of the teachers, and in a social environment like this, it made it easy to strike up a conversation.

The Palaver Cyber Cafe also sells many flavors of bulk coffee, so you can grind your own favorite flavor. "Coffee of the Day" is another special feature, and a large cup is only 75 cents.



Photo by Cindy Stanko

My trip to the cafe was a worthwhile one. I recommend the Palaver Cyber Cafe to anyone who likes

to enjoy great desserts and coffees, or those who just like to relax in a small town atmosphere.

## Mirrors: a short-short story

by Mike Nichols

Fancying myself a writer, I created a character to serve in my stories. I made this character male. I gave him my height, but a little more weight. He received blue eyes like mine, curly brown hair like the kind on my head, and all my other features. I even had him wear the same type of clothes I do.

I discovered that I could control what happened to this character who looked like me. I had a bus hit him when he didn't watch the traffic carefully enough (as I often don't), but an expert crew of paramedics I created, and happened to endow with supernatural medical skills, revived him.

I had him endure a ruptured ear drum from a schoolyard football game. I made him cry when the warm blood trickled out of his ear as he curled up on the ground, unable to stand because he was so dizzy from the blow.

I gave him kindness. I gave

him hatred. I gave him the sensation of love.

I gave him a broken heart from a girl he really cared about.

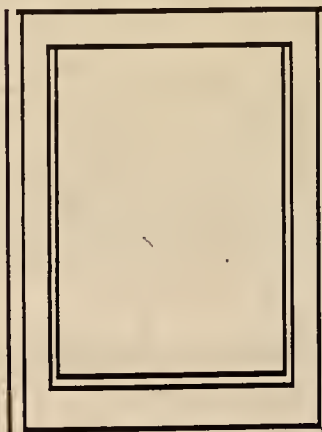
I had all the things that have happened to me, happen to him. People who read these stories thought I'd done all this subconsciously, that I had a pretty dim imagination. They thought they were seeing through a trick.

"No," I said. "Ha, Ha," I laughed.

By trying to see through a trick, they'd actually created the trick themselves. What they thought was an unintentional, blatant rip-off of my life had, in actuality, been meticulously planned. I guffawed heartily at the thought of these people being convinced that I had unknowingly plundered my own experiences. I didn't know it yet, but the joke was really on me.

Late one night, when I was dredging up other "new" ex-

periences for my character, something funny started to happen: he began to do things I hadn't contrived. My pen flew, creating an entirely alien universe of words on the blank paper, without any knowledge on my part of where it would lead next. My



character started to say things on his own and, frighteningly, after several hours, he even spoke to me.

"Who are you?" he suddenly asked me.

"Excuse me?" I said.

"Who are you who makes busses hit me, knees smash

my ear drums, and girls break my heart?"

He received a blank stare in reply. If I had been performing in a drama of my own creation, with the benefit of hours of revision and concentration, I'm sure I could have given a far better response.

"Are you God?" my character asked.

"I hope not," I said. Otherwise, humanity will be pretty disappointed with their Almighty.

"But you control me," he said.

"I guess so," I answered.

"Then please do something for me," he pleaded, "do just one thing for me."

"What?" I asked.

"Let me be what I want to be, not what you want me to be."

"What do you want to be?" I asked. His answer chilled me.

"A writer," he said.

So I freed him. What else could I do? Freethinking creations are nowhere near as much fun as ones you can control. He started writing his own stories and he created a character who looked just like himself, and therefore, just like me. Eventually, this character of his became a writer also and created a character that looked just like himself, and therefore just like my former character, and therefore just like me. This went on for some time, infinity to be exact, like when you hold a mirror up to a mirror and create an eternity of little dimensions and universes to stare back at you.

I think there's a moral to this story. Maybe more than one, actually. The first one might be an easy one, like, "Don't be too infatuated with this life because we all might be puppets whose lives are pouring out of some sadist's pen." Another might be, "Maybe God is just a creation of another God who was created by still another God who was in turn..."

You get the picture.